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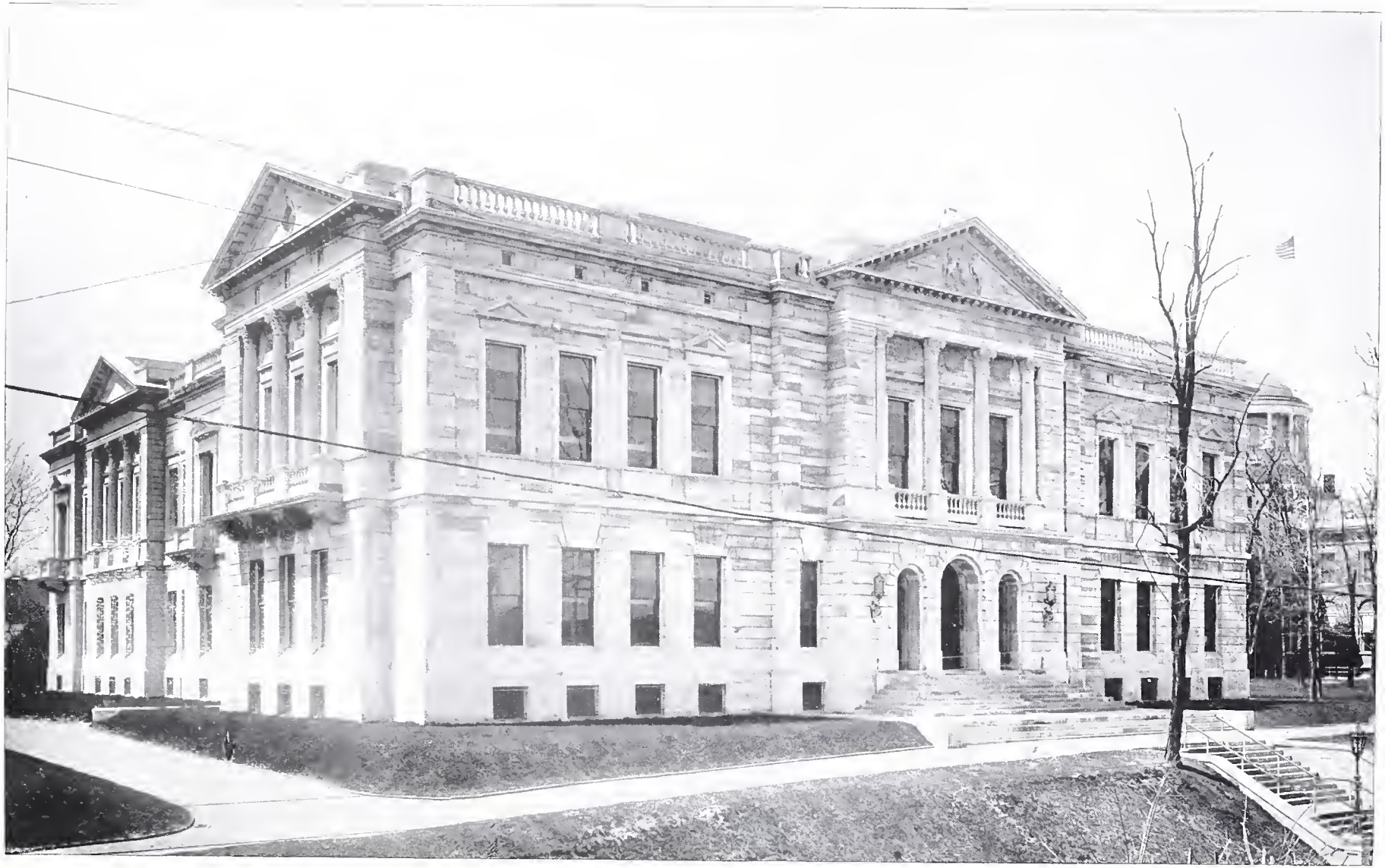

STATE LIBRARY OF PENNSYLVANIA—FRONT VIEW.

REPORT

OF THE

STATE LIBRARIAN,

1894.

CLARENCE M. BUSCH,
STATE PRINTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.
1895.

LIBRARY OF WASHINGTON
AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE

ENTRANCE TO STATE LIBRARY.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE LIBRARY ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

1. The Board of Trustees of the State Library shall have supervision thereof and power to make rules and regulations for the same, and the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the Attorney General shall, ex-officio, be said trustees. . . . . They shall meet annually upon the second Monday of December, and at such other times as they may fix for that purpose, and the State Librarian shall act as secretary to the same.

2. The Library rooms shall be open to the public every secular day, except public holidays, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., except during the sessions of the Legislature and of the Supreme Court sitting at Harrisburg, when the Library shall be open as aforesaid between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9 p. m., provided that on Saturdays the Library shall be closed at 12 o'clock noon.

3. The Governor, members of the General Assembly, Justices of the Supreme Court, heads of departments, and officers of the Commonwealth at the seat of government, and such other persons as may be designated by the rules adopted by the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled, under such regulations as the Board of Trustees shall prescribe, to take books from the Library.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE LIBRARY, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JANUARY 22, 1890.

Rule 1.

The State Library is one of reference, and not a circulating library. All persons are permitted to visit the Library and examine and read the books and reviews; but the Librarians shall exercise a proper discrimination as to the delivery of such books as they may judge liable to injury.

Rule 2.

During the time the Library is open, the Librarian or his assistants shall be in attendance. They shall preserve order, and exclude, if necessary, any disorderly person. They shall prevent smoking, loud talking or reading, and all noise inappropriate to the quietness of a place of study.

Rule 3.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to register in a book provided for that purposes the names of all persons entitled under the law and these rules, to take books from the Library, the title of the book and the time it is taken out; and he shall give notice to all persons failing to return the same at the specified time in Rule 6.

Rule 4.

Persons entitled under the law to receive books from the Library, cannot transfer that right or privilege to others, nor shall books taken from the Library be loaned to others.

Rule 5.

No book shall be taken from the library until its title is written and receipt properly signed by the person receiving the same. Neither the Librarian nor his assistants can sign such receipt nor waive the giving of the same.

Rule 6.

No person shall have from the Library at any one time more than two books (or two volumes), and no book shall be retained from the Library for a longer period than two weeks; but this rule shall not apply to heads of Departments desiring works for their personal consultation and use.

Rule 7.

The following works of reference shall not be removed from the Library, except in cases where the head of a department requires the same for consultation, viz: Directories, encyclopedias, newspapers, magazines, maps, pamphlet volumes, illustrated works of art, rare or costly books, books of limited edition, books or other documents presented to the Library for permanent preservation, reports of the Supreme or other Courts of last resort of the different States and Territories (except as hereinafter mentioned), manuscripts, engravings and works of an encyclopaedic character.

Rule 8.

During the session of the Legislature, or the sitting of the Supreme Court in Harrisburg, any law book or book of reference may

be taken to any room in the Capitol by any member thereof, and lawyers in attendance on the Supreme Court may be permitted to take such law books as they may wish to the Supreme Court, to be returned within two days, and the persons so receiving the same shall be personally responsible for their safe return.

Rule 9.

Members of the Legislature having in their possession any book, map or other publication belonging to the State Library shall return the same at least five days previous to the final adjournment; and it shall be the duty of the State Librarian to report to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, two days before such final adjournment, the names of the members of each House, respectively, who have failed or neglected to return the same.

Rule 10.

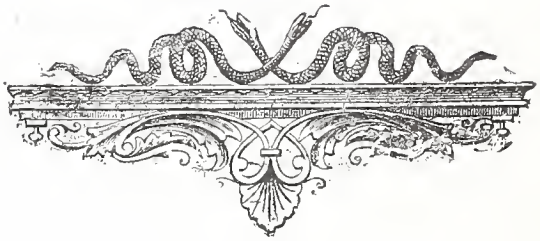
No cases shall be left open by the Librarian or his assistants, and no one else shall be permitted to take from or replace upon the shelves, any book, map, or other publication.

Rule 11.

Books must be handled with care. Leaves of books must not be turned down, nor any marks whatsoever made on the margin.

(Resolution of Trustees, Nov. 21, 1893.)

The Judges of the Twelfth Judicial District are hereby designated as persons entitled to take books from the State Library, for their personal use and reference, in accordance with regulation three.



INTERIOR VIEW OF LIBRARY LOOKING NORTH.

REPORT

OF THE

STATE LIBRARIAN.

Harrisburg, Penna., December 10, 1894.

To His Excellency, Robert Emory Pattison,
Governor of Pennsylvania:

Sir: I have the honor to present the following report relating to the State Library for the year just closed:

The additions to the Library during the year from various sources are as follows:

By purchase:		
Miscellaneous books,	591	volumes.
Law books,	285	"
Magazines and reviews,	160	"
Newspapers (bound volumes),	475	"
Parliamentary papers and debates,	156	"
By exchange:		
With the United States,	413	"
With the States and Territories,	512	"
With foreign countries (international),	67	"
By donation:		
Exchange with institutions of learning, etc.,	403	"
Library of Second Geological Survey (books and pamphlets,	82	"
State publications required to be preserved in the State Library, including Supreme Court Reports,	460	"
Making a total increase in the State Library of	3,704	

The number of volumes estimated by my last report as being in the State Library was 99,418. The total number of volumes in the Library at this date, including duplicates of State documents (about 14,000) required to be kept therein, amount to 117,122.

As stated in my last report, owing to a clerical error in the general appropriation bill of 1893, this Library was left in a crippled condition so far as its finances were concerned in the purchase chiefly of miscellaneous books. This of course was greatly to be regretted, and the coming Legislature ought to be invoked to repair this condition by making at the outset of the session a prompt and liberal appropriation to this, the most valuable reference library in the State of Pennsylvania. By all means the State should foster it, and it could easily be made the greatest State Library in the country. Deficient as the appropriations were, care was taken by the State Librarian to avoid any gaps in certain classes of books, especially magazines and reviews; and certain other serial publications. It has been found that such gaps are not easily filled, while current literature in all its branches, may readily be secured if prompt action be taken.

At this writing the Library is in a transition state, but, it is a matter of pride, as well as thankfulness, that the Legislature of 1893 provided a new home for it, which will compare favorably with any of the large libraries in the country. The completion of the new Library Building is, therefore, a cause for congratulation. Being fire-proof, the admirable collections of the publications of the State, as well as its large list of valuable works on science, art, and literature, and especially the State Archives, are protected from oft-threatened destruction, while the generally well-lighted alcoves will afford to the student every convenience for study and reference. A description in full of the Library proper, detailing all its conveniences and advantages, will be made supplementary to this report.

At the last session of the Legislature the State of Pennsylvania paid out the sum of $2,500 for a certain number of copies of the "Index to Local Legislation in Pennsylvania." Of these not one was apportioned in the distribution to the State Library. This is all wrong; the State Library should be first served, and wherever books are purchased or printed by the State, at least a certain number of copies should be deposited in the State Library for use and reference. I would also call your attention to another matter, which concerns our State and International exchanges. Although the Attorney General has frequently decided that 200 copies of all publications issued at the expense of the State, should be furnished the State Library, yet, there are various publications of which the State Library does not receive one single copy. If the printing law of the

INTERIOR VIEW OF SOUTH END OF LIBRARY.

State is large in this matter; there ought to be no hesitancy about passing a properly amended bill, and provision made that in all cases, where books are printed by any of the Executive or Legislative Departments, in addition to the number so directed to be printed, 200 copies should be added by the Superintendent of Public Printing, to the order, for each and every publication.

Without desiring to add to the expenses of the Commonwealth, I find it my duty to recommend to the Legislature the propriety of giving me an additional force in the Library. Including the State Librarian and the night watchman, the regular officials of the State Library number only five all told; while, in the New York State Library, containing only 50,000 volumes more than the State Library of Pennsylvania, with little more work to do, the number holding positions therein is 34, besides several pages and supernumerary clerks; and I may here state that the salary alone of the Director of that Library, comes within $1,000 of all the salaries paid for service in the State Library of Pennsylvania. This Library should have at least one additional assistant librarian, a permanent cataloguer, and a stenographer and typewriter, which latter is certainly essential in a Library of this character.

In regard to the general catalogue of the Library which has been in preparation, I regret to say that it has not been completed. The work has been an arduous one, and it will be necessary to make an additional appropriation so as to finish the work and make it thorough. Owing to the failure of the bill providing for the printing of the Dictionary Catalogue, the volume relating to the law portion of the State Library, then nearly completed, was not printed. The Legislature will be asked to consider this matter at the earliest part of the session, so that it may not meet the fate of the many important bills at the close of a long and wearisome session, when there is a failure of final passage.

I beg to call your attention to the efforts I have made in securing for preservation in the Library, the various annual reports of the eleemosynary and charitable institutions of the State. Frequent requests are made by members of the Legislature for these, but the vast majority fail to look at the subject in a proper light. These efforts, especially of those institutions to whom the State has given liberally, should be compelled to be forwarded, no matter whether printed in pamphlet or newspaper form, so that the future legislator may see what has been accomplished by the money so bountifully appropriated by a charitable Commonwealth.

Our State has never been regardful of its representative citizens, and I feel it incumbent upon me to suggest that from time to time, bronze busts of its most noted men be procured for the State Li-

brary. Among those who have been pre-eminent in the paths of literature, science and art, I need only allude to a few, who, if not all Pennsylvanians to the manor-born, their names are her perpetual heritage:

Benjamin West, the painter; David Rittenhouse, the astronomer; John Fitch, the inventor; John Bartram, the botanist; Joseph Leidy, the anatomist; John Bannister Gibson, jurist; Charles Brockden Brown, novelist; Samuel S. Rathvon, naturalist; Bayard Taylor, poet and traveler; Stephen Girard, merchant and banker; William Audenreid, author of public education in Pennsylvania; Thaddeus Stevens, the commoner; Samuel Stehman Haldeman, philologist; James Pollard Espy, the originator of the weather bureau; Thomas Buchanan Read, the poet-painter. There are others, but these will suffice for this mention. Their reputations are world-wide, and if their native State does not do justice to their worth, what can be expected from the Nation?

In this era of higher education and literary culture, efforts are being made in most of the large towns and cities of the Commonwealth looking to the establishment of public libraries. Quite a number have made rapid advance, but these have been supported by a few individuals who have taken an interest therein. Stimulated by these exertions in aid of library enterprise, other towns and cities would fain take the initiative, but unless there is some means by which either State or municipal aid can be secured to co-operate with the work of the philanthropic citizens, none of these can prove successful. I believe it is as incumbent upon the State to aid in a substantial way these organizations, as it is in other laudable or charitable enterprises throughout the different sections of the State. Believing that some general law covering this matter would prove beneficial to the people in general, it is to be hoped that the wisdom of the coming Legislature may be seen in the drafting and passing of a wise, judicious and economic general library law.

Our State, National and International exchanges have been gradually increasing, and from these sources the additions to the Library for the past year have been quite large.

In conclusion, I beg to thank your Excellency, as well as the other members of the Board of Trustees, for your kindness and courtesy to me during our past four years' association, feeling that I have been cheerfully aided by you all in the administration of my office as State Librarian, in whatever tended to build up and make the State Library of Pennsylvania what it is. You have my best wishes for your future welfare.

WILLIAM H. EGLE,
State Librarian.

PUBLIC OFFICE IN STATE LIBRARY.
(Showing entrance into Stack Room.)

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM DECEMBER 1, 1893, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1894.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1893.		
December 15. Received from State Treasurer,	$625 00	
1894.		
March 3. Received from State Treasurer,	625 00	
June 14. Received from State Treasurer,	625 00	
September 27. Received from State Treasurer,	625 00	
		$2,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of purchase of miscellaneous books, as per vouchers filed in Auditor General's office.

1894.		
March 1,	$331 94	
June 13,	306 87	
September 26,	547 95	
November 30,	708 43	
		$1,897 19

LAW BOOK PURCHASE.

RECEIPTS.

1893.		
December 15. Received from State Treasurer,	$375 00	
1894.		
March 3. Received from State Treasurer,	375 00	
June 14. Received from State Treasurer,	375 00	
September 27. Received from State Treasurer,	375 00	
		$1,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of purchase of law books, as per vouchers filed in Auditor General's office.

1894.		
March 1,	$163 00	
June 13,	439 66	
September 26,	92 65	
November 30,	412 50	
		$1,107 81

NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1893.		
December 15. Received from State Treasurer,	$125 00	
1894.		
March 3. Received from State Treasurer,	125 00	
June 14. Received from State Treasurer,	125 00	
September 27. Received from State Treasurer,	125 00	
		$500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid out, as per vouchers filed in Auditor General's office.

1894.	
June 4,	$500 00

ENGLISH PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.

RECEIPTS.

1893.		
December 15. Received from State Treasurer,	$62 50	
1894.		
March 3. Received from Stae Treasurer,	62 50	
June 14. Received from State Treasurer,	62 50	
September 27. Received from State Treasurer,	62 50	
		$250 00

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid out, as per vouchers filed in Auditor General's office, June 13,	$88 46

PREPARATION OF CATALOGUE.

RECEIPTS.

1893.		
December 15. Received from State Treasurer,	$500 00	
1894.		
March 3. Received from State Treasurer,	500 00	
June 14. Received from State Treasurer,	500 00	
September 27. Received from State Treasurer,	500 00	
		$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES

1894.	
December 1. Amount paid to cataloguers,	$2,500 50

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

1893.		
December 15. Received from State Treasurer,	$500 00	
1894.		
March 3. Received from State Treasurer,	500 00	
June 14. Received from State Treasurer,	500 00	
September 27. Received from State Treasurer,	500 00	
		$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid, as per vouchers filed in Auditor General's office.

1894.		
March 1,	$556 28	
June 13,	838 22	
September 26,	422 22	
November 30,	467 14	
		$2,283 86

The foregoing account itemized as follows:

Cleaning and sweeping Library,	$237 00	
Repairs in Library,	63 75	
Expressage,	235 90	
Telegrams,	36 57	
Freight,	344 67	
Postage, etc.,	154 00	
Ice,	10 50	
Extra service in Library, packing books, etc.,	674 22	
Personal expenses of Librarian,	27 25	
Stenography and typewriting,	500 00	
		$2,283 86

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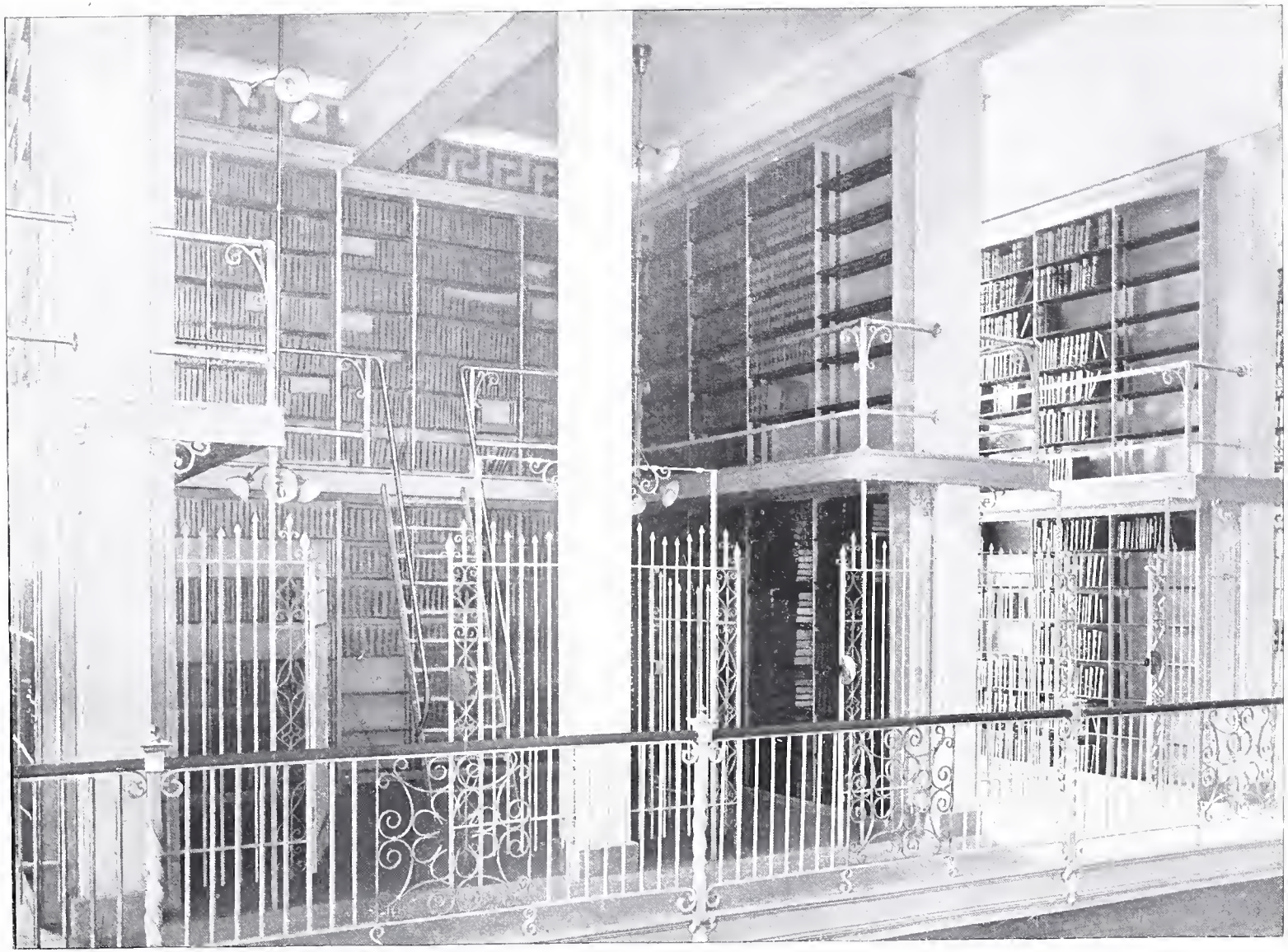

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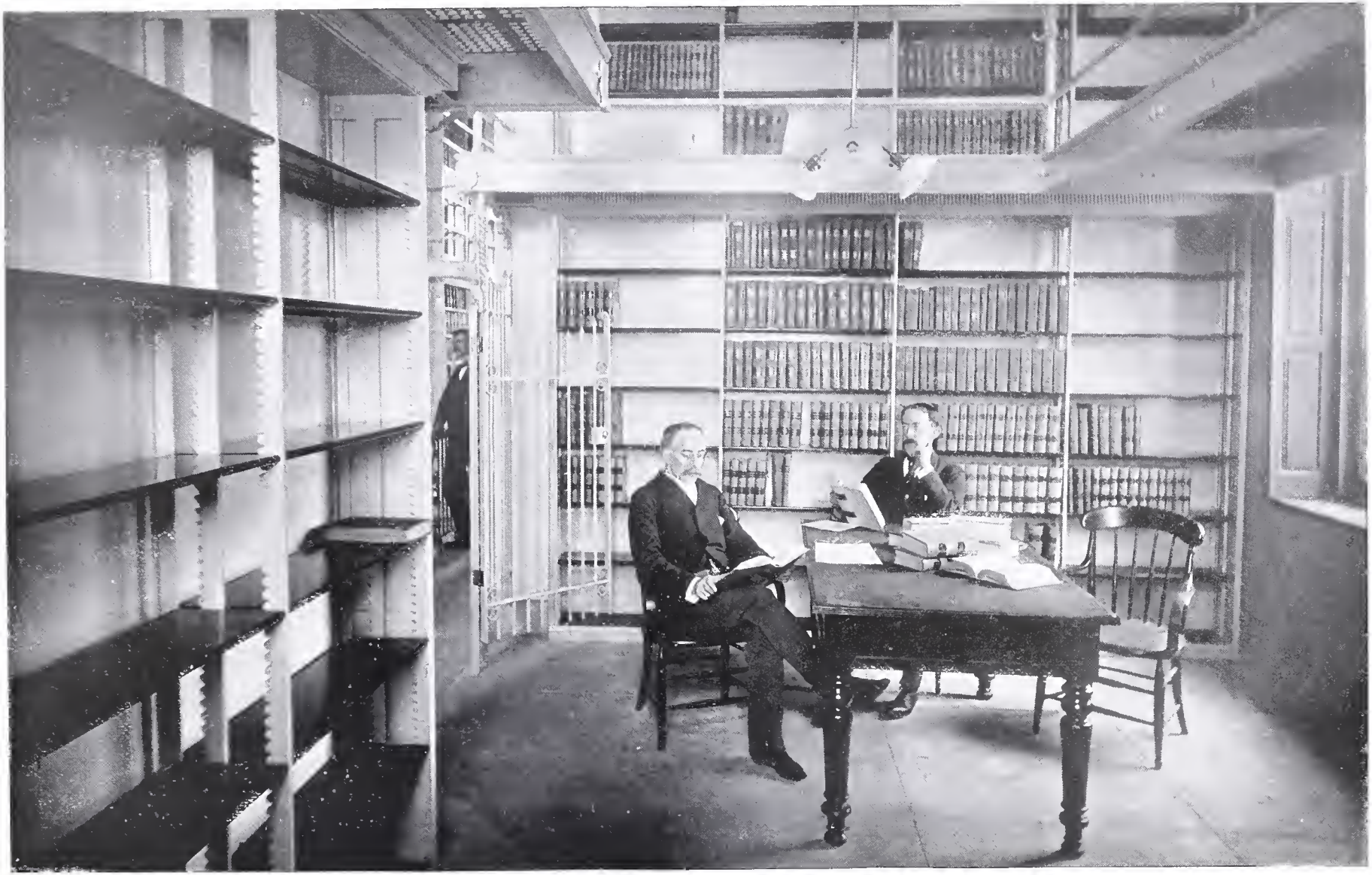

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Warren:

Ledger, Warren.
Mail, Warren.

Washington:

Democrat, Washington.
Local Herald, Canonsburg.
Observer, Washington.
Reporter, Washington.
*Supper Table, Washington.

Wayne:

Citizen, Honesdale.

Westmoreland:

Argus, Greensburg.
Press, Greensburg.
Tribune and Herald, Greensburg.

Wyoming:

Democrat, Tunkhannock.
Republican, Tunkhannock.

York:

Age, York.
Dispatch, York.

California:

Chronicle, San Francisco.

Colorado:

Republican, Denver.

District of Columbia:

Post, Washington.

Georgia:

Constitution, Atlanta.

Illinois:

Inter-Ocean, Chicago.

Kentucky:

Courier-Journal, Louisville.

Louisiana:

Picayune, New Orleans.

Maryland:

Sun, Baltimore.

Massachusetts:

Globe, Boston.

Minnesota:

Press, St. Paul.

Missouri:

Globe-Democrat, St. Louis.

New York City:

The Times.
The Tribune.
The World.

Ohio:

Commercial-Gazette, Cincinnati.

Oregon:

The Oregonian, Portland.

South Carolina:

News and Courier, Charleston.

Tennessee:

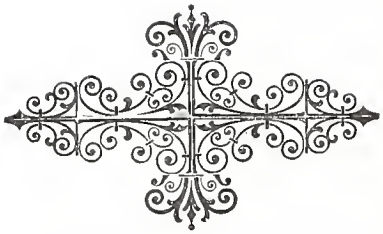
Appeal-Avalanche, Memphis.

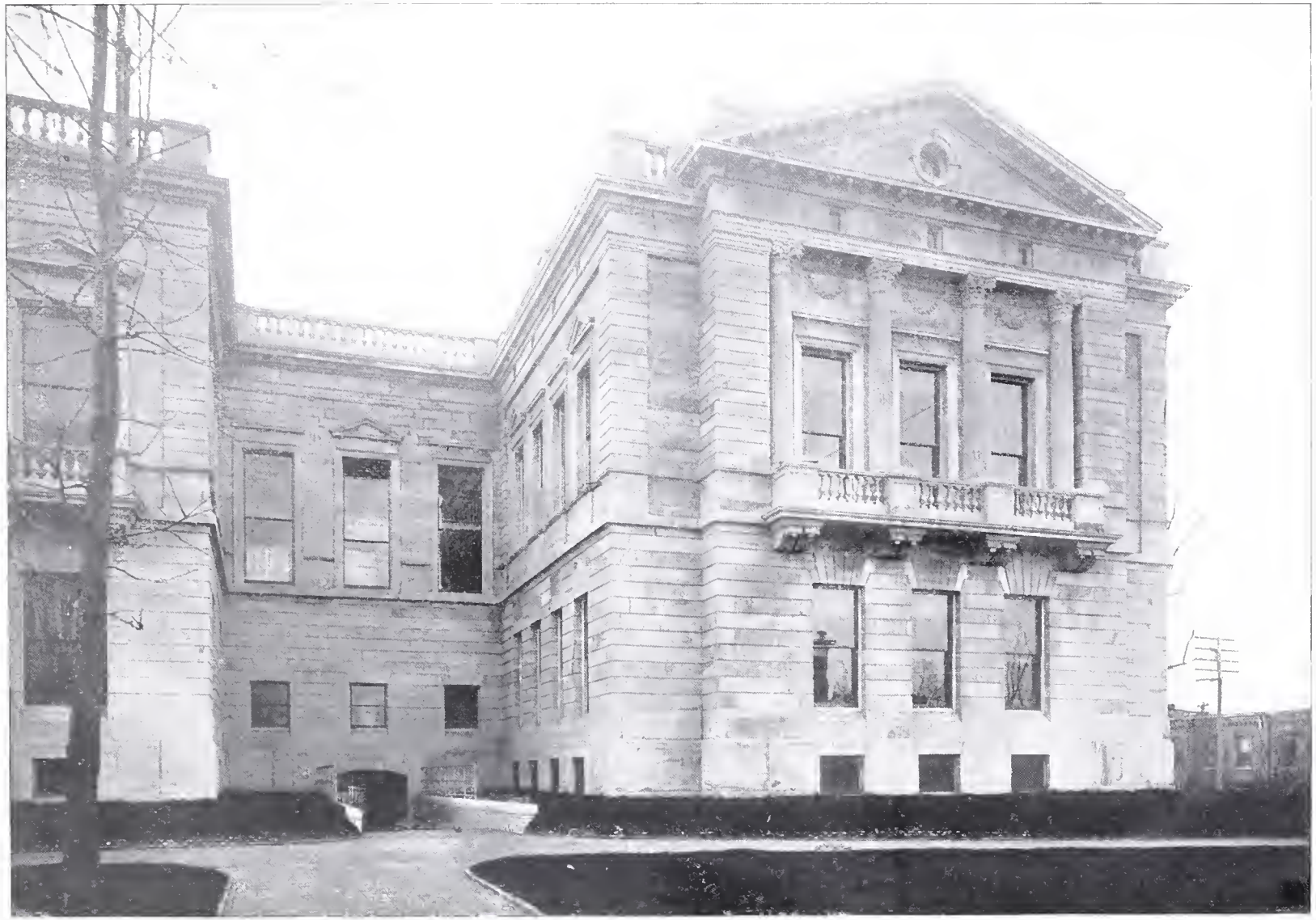
Virginia:

Dispatch, Richmond.

Wisconsin:

Sentinel, Milwaukee.





SOUTHERN END OF STATE LIBRARY BUILDING.

THE

New State Library Building.

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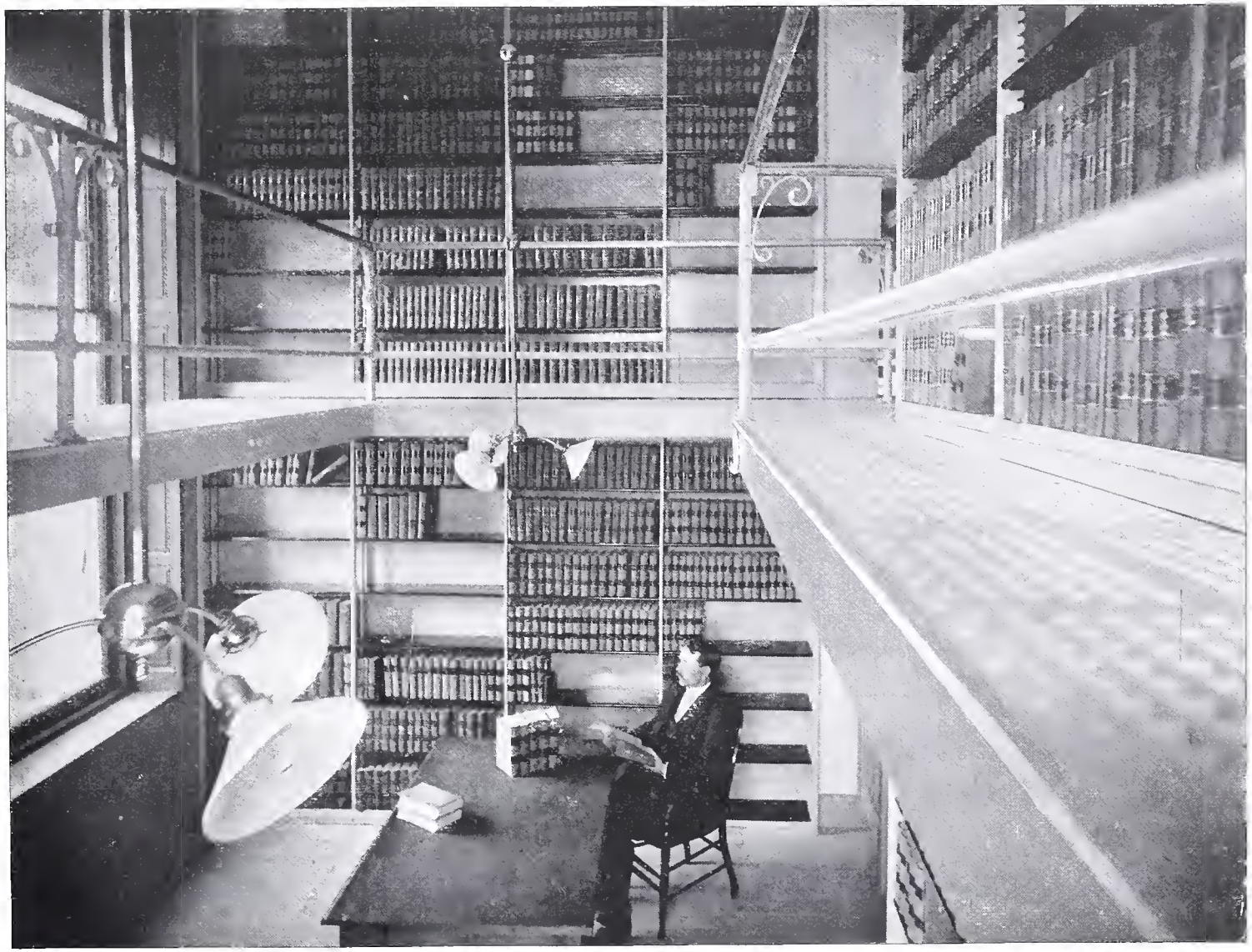


NORTHWEST ALCOVE—LAW-GALLERY FLOOR.

THE NEW STATE LIBRARY BUILDING.

The Legislature of 1893, recognizing the want of proper and safe accommodations for the valuable library of the Commonwealth, passed a bill making an appropriation for the erection of an executive and library building, and appropriating the sum of half a million of dollars. This act was promptly signed by Governor Robert E. Pattison, and at once measures were taken looking to a speedy erection of the building, the cost of which should not exceed the amount of the appropriation. The Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings, consisting of the Governor of the Commonwealth, Robert E. Pattison, the Auditor General, General David McM. Gregg, the State Treasurer, Capt. John W. Morrison, at once decided to select an architect, and, in accordance therewith, John T. Windrim, of Philadelphia, was chosen. Different plans were prepared and finally the one which was used in the construction of the building was decided upon. Owing to the small appropriation and the room required for the various executive departments, that portion of the building devoted to the Library was not as large as it should have been. Nevertheless, it was found by computation, that the capacity of the room could easily be enlarged at any time by simply moderate expenditure.

On Friday, December 15, 1893, at noon, the corner stone of the Library was laid by Governor Pattison in the presence of quite a number of State officials and others interested in the matter. The articles deposited in the stone were as follows:

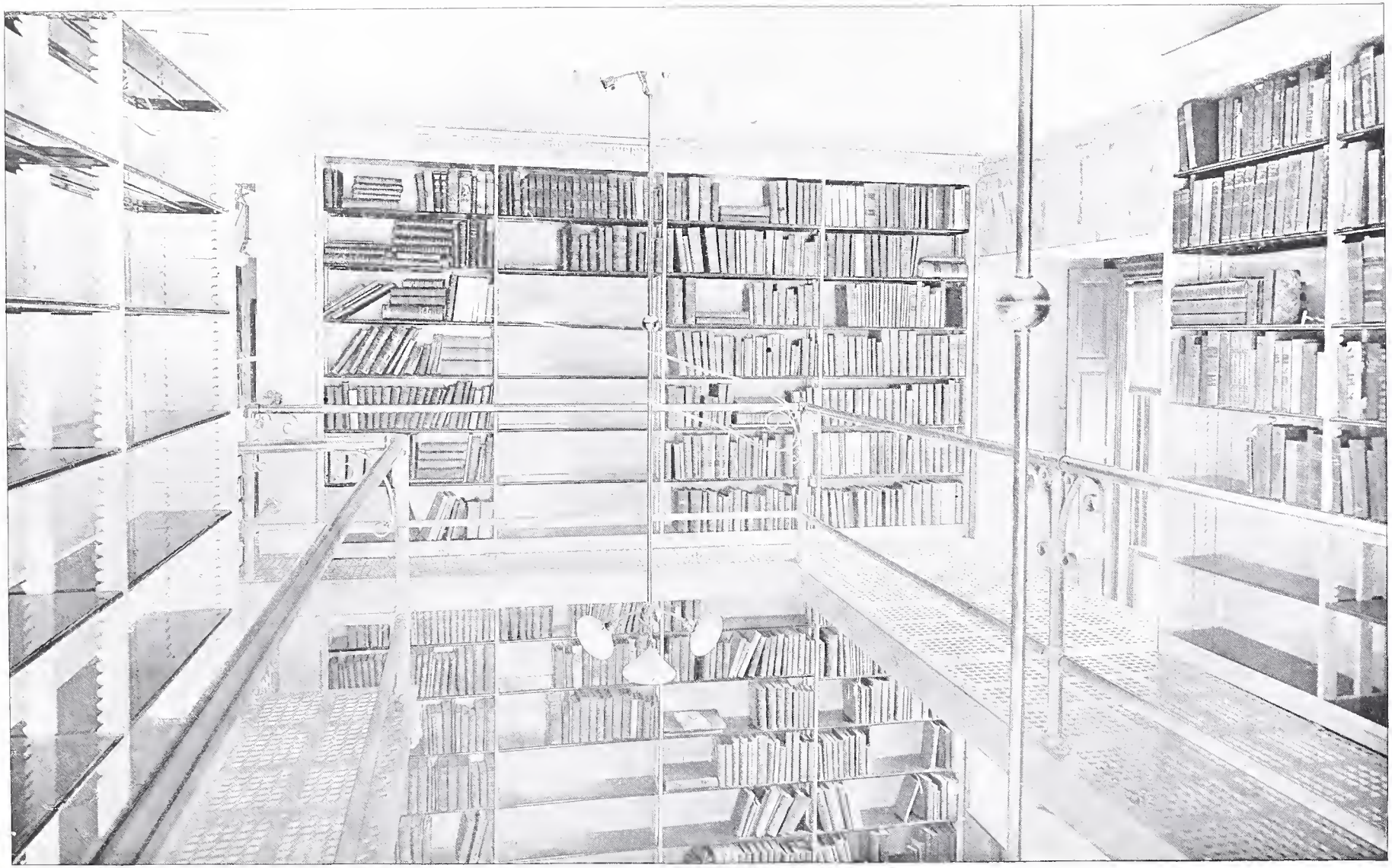
One copy each of the newspapers of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, Lancaster, Altoona, Scranton, Reading, Lebanon, Easton, date of December 13; historical sketch of the State Library by Dr. W. H. Egle; the annual reports of the several departments of the State Government for 1892, county geological maps of Pennsylvania, Smull's Hand-Book for 1893, Rodearmel's Legislature of 1893, railroad map of the State, 1893; manual of the city of Harrisburg, 1893; coins of the United States, 1893; photographs of the new library building, series of the Columbian postage stamps, bronze medal struck in commemoration of the founding of Harrisburg, with specimens of the inventive genius of 1893.

HISTORY OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

A history of the State Library, prepared by the present State Librarian, which found a resting place, with the other documents, in the corner stone, is as follows:

At what period in the existence of the Province and State the nucleus of the library, to whose use this building is to be devoted, was first gathered, is not known. An examination of the financial affairs of Pennsylvania prior to the war for independence shows that the Provincial General Assembly laid the foundation for the superstructure by purchasing from time to time huge folio volumes. These priceless treasures have been in most cases preserved to us. During subsequent decades the same character of works in ponderous tomes were secured. The typographical beauty and copper-plate head and tail pieces of these rarities of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries are the admiration of book lovers. Here we find "Purchas, His Pilgrims," five folio volumes, London, 1625; "Rymer's Foedera," twenty folio volumes, London, 1706; "Corps Universal Diplomatique," twenty-four folio volumes, Amsterdam, 1726; "Clarendon's History of the Rebellion," three folio volumes, London, 1704; "A Complete History of England." in three folio volumes, London, 1719; "Historia de la Conquista de Mexico," by De Solis, printed at Madrid in 1732, with others of as great value in miscellaneous literature. Law was not neglected. Here are the ponderous "Year Books," first printed in 1678; Sir Robert Brooke's "La Graunde Abridgement" (old black letter), 1586; Humphrey Winch's "Book of Entries," London, 1680; Leis' "Reports of Divers Resolutions in Law," London, 1659; "Formulare Aglicanum," London, 1702; "Les Commentaries on Reports de Edmund Plowden," London, 1684; Hale's "Pleas of the Crown," printed in the Savoy, 1736; John Lilly's "Reports and Pleadings of Cases in Assise," also printed in the Savoy, 1719. To show that our Provincial Assembly was not unmindful of genealogical descent, or rather of the purity of the blood royal, they procured Anderson's "Royal Genealogies from Adam to these Times," published in London in 1756. Now, these, with many other folios, formed during the Provincial era the nucleus of the present valuable library of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As one looks upon these beautiful specimens of the "art preservative," in the substantial binding of the age in which they are produced, still occupying honorable positions on its shelves, imagination is involuntarily carried back to the grand old worthies whose minds pondered the great truths which their pages contain. "We are reminded," said a former State Librarian (Wein Forney), when the present library was opened to the public, "that Franklin, the Philosopher, Godfrey, the inventor of the quadrant; Rittenhouse, the as-



UPPER FLOOR OF SOUTHWEST ALCOVE ON GALLERY.

tronomer; Wilson, the great ornithologist; Morris, the financier; Logan, the esteemed secretary of the Penns; Bartram, the naturalist; West, the historical painter; Fitch and Fulton, the inventors of steam navigation; Lindley Murray, of grammar fame, and those mighty men—statesmen and patriots of the Revolutionary epoch—patronized, consulted and referred to these old tomes of legal and polite literature." And could they return and contemplate the development of a Commonwealth which they loved so much, nothing would excite their admiration more than the liberality displayed in the present outlook of the State Library.

Upon the change of Government by the Convention of July, 1776, the Assembly and Supreme Executive Council were busy with the momentous events transpiring around them. However, we find that in September, 1777, the latter body issued an order directing the removal of the Library for safe keeping and the entire collection during the occupancy of Philadelphia by the British was securely sheltered at Easton. This is the first official information we have of the existence of a library as such. The books remained in Northampton county until there was no further danger from the enemy. During the War of the Revolution, patriotism was at high-water mark, and few, if any, books printed in England were purchased. At last, however, when peace dawned, interest was manifested and numerous additions made to the collection. As this library has, therefore, a place in the annals of the struggle for the founding of the republic, so almost a century after, in the war for the Union, was it once more placed in jeopardy. On the 26th of June, 1863, a few days before the battle of Gettysburg, when it was thought that the army under Lee would reach the capital city, the entire library was packed in cars and conveyed to Philadelphia, finding a place of safety, from whence, in 1777, it was removed in order to save it from the British.

Upon the adoption of the Constitution of 1790 the Senate and House of Representatives, each for their own use, ordered the purchase of books. By this system three libraries, all owned by the State, were maintained under the control of co-ordinate branches of the State Government. Upon the removal of the State capital to Harrisburg, this plan became inconvenient, frequently both Legislative bodies directing the purchase of the same books when one copy would answer for reference. At the session of 1815-16 measures were taken to consolidate the several libraries, and on the 28th of February, 1816, Governor Snyder approved "An act to provide for the better preservation and increase of the library of this Commonwealth," when "the libaries belonging to the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively," were added to "the present joint library of the two houses, so as to form hereafter a single library."

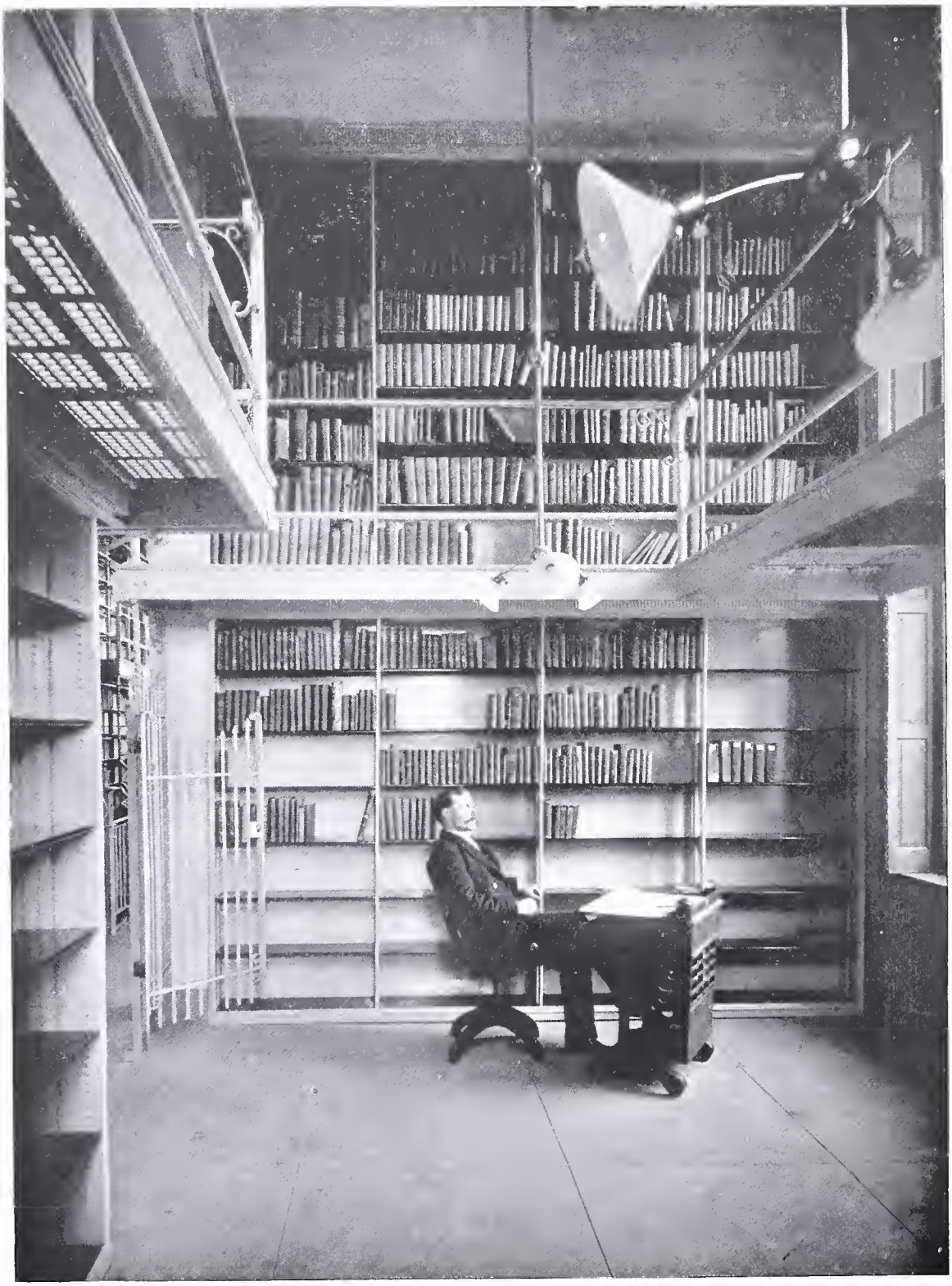
The Commissioners of Dauphin county furnished a room on the second story of the court house, where the General Assembly convened from the year 1812 until the erection of the present capitol building. The entire library, at that period, probably did not number one thousand volumes.

In December, 1821, the Library was removed to the new capitol, where it occupied the room in the northwest corner of the building, and subsequently included the room adjoining. In 1829 the first regular catalogue was prepared and printed—the catalogue in existence prior to that time being without date, purporting only to give the number and titles of the books belonging to the Senate and House of Representatives. According to this catalogue (1829) there were 4,838 volumes in the Library, of which 2,152 were miscellaneous books, 853 law books and 1,833 statute laws and State papers. Ten years later the second regular catalogue was printed by the joint library committee, the number of books then being estimated at 11,577. From 1816 until the year 1854 the librarian was chosen by the joint committee on the library annually. In the latter year, however, an act was passed, providing for the appointment of a librarian every three years by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and prescribing the duties of the appointee.

In 1849, Alexandre Vattemere, sent to this country for the purpose, presented in the name of the Ministers of Finance, Commerce, War and Navy of France, 235 volumes. This was the beginning of an international exchange, which it is to be regretted was not permanently cemented and ratified. Strange as it may seem, it was not until the year 1856 that the State Librarian was authorized by a resolution of the Assembly to make foreign exchanges.

The State Librarian, upon assuming charge of the library, in 1854, in reply to an inquiry of the Legislature, on the 25th of March, reported that he had carefully counted the books on the shelves and estimated the number of volumes as 13,000. In 1859, the Librarian, in his annual report, computed the books belonging to the library as being upwards of 21,000 volumes. From that time until 1867 the annual increase from all sources averaged 800 volumes.

"In 1864, owing to the want of proper accommodations, the present wing of the capitol building was directed to be built. In June, 1867, the library was removed to the then spacious room arranged for it, and when, on the 3d of July following the new department was formally inaugurated by his Excellency John W. Geary, Governor of Pennsylvania, it was thought that the accommodations were ample for the next half century. As the years passed on, and the amount of current literature increased, exchanges far and wide fostered, with donations greater in proportion than the purchases of thirty years



SOUTHWEST ALCOVE—GALLERY FLOOR.

ago—only one-half the period having elapsed—it has shown how little we know what the future may reveal. The State Library, notwithstanding the many discouragements which have tended to keep it down, has taken rapid strides and is in advance. As its usefulness increased, as the student found in it broader facilities for his work—so the value of the library grew greater than its growth. Overcrowded, with many books unable to be referred to—with danger of destruction by fire—the Legislature at last yielded to recommendations of the Executive and made an appropriation providing for the erection of a new fire-proof library building, to preserve its valuable collection of 100,000 volumes. For this wise act the Legislature of 1893 is deserving the thanks of the people of the State. Building for futurity, it is the supreme wish of every one that this edifice may, for a century to come, be the means of preserving for the student of that future the priceless volumes left us as a heritage of the past and the hope of coming ages.

STATE LIBRARIANS FROM 1816.

(Appointed by the Library Committee.)

John Fisher, ... 1816
William Musgrave (died January 7, 1832), ... 1819
James Wright, ... March 2, 1832
George R. Espy, ... 1839
E. P. Hughes, ... 1831
Henry K. Strong, ... 1842
Seth Salisbury, ... 1845
James Johnston, ... 1849
Thomas C. MacDowell, ... January 16, 1850
James Martin, ... January 28, 1852
William T. Sanders, ... January 15, 1853

(Appointed by the Governor.)

Rev. William R. DeWitt, ... February 25, 1854
Wein Forney, ... March 16, 1863
Rev. Obadiah H. Miller, ... April 1, 1872
Rev. Charles L. Ehrenfield (res. Sept. 15, 1882.) .... February 4, 1878
Rev. Charles J. Little (resigned October 1, 1885.) .. September 15, 1882
Edward Stuck, ... October 1, 1885
William Henry Egle, M. D., ... March 3, 1887

The Library building was pushed to completion in the early part of December, 1894. The books comprising the State Library were removed from the main building of the capitol to the place designed for them in the new building.

The architect has furnished, from his point of view, a description of the building which is herein given:

The new building for State Library of Pennsylvania fronts on Fourth street and occupies the eastern end of a new building, which also provides accommodation for the offices of the Governor and his cabinet, and for a relic and flag museum.

The approach from Fourth street to the Library is by means of broad flights of stone steps.

The Fourth street facade has a frontage of 140 feet, and is two stories in height, built of Green River limestone in modern Renaissance style, simply but broadly treated and grouped in three pavillions. The central pavilion is pierced by an arcade of three openings forming an imposing entrance to the Library, and is surmounted by a pediment of true classic proportions, in the tympanum of which, in high relief, is carved the coat of arms of Pennsylvania. The designs and models of the coat of arms were prepared under the supervision of the State Librarian, Dr. Egle, and are the correct and authorized heraldic insignia of the Commonwealth.

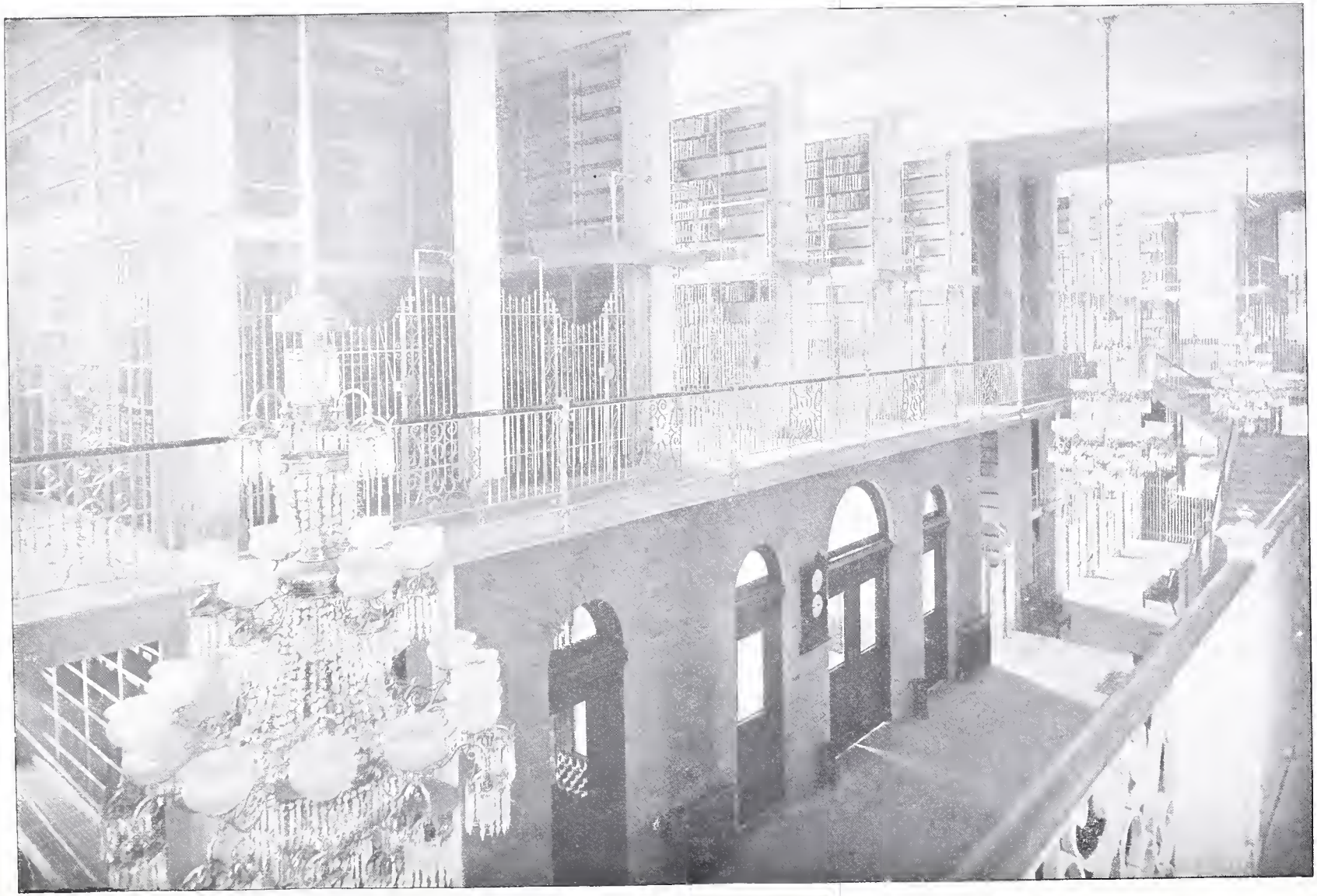
The two side pavilions of the Fourth street facade harmonize beautifully with the central pavilion in the treatment and disposal of the window openings and in the proportion of the cornices and balustrade.

The north and south facade have a frontage of fifty-four feet, and are emphasized by the colonnade and balconies of the second story windows, over the coursed ashlar base. This feature is surmounted by a pediment similar to that over central pavilion of Fourth street front. The west front of the Library overlooks a courtyard on either side of the flag and relic museum.

The vestibule of the Library is lined with polished marble and carved Caen stone, with a vaulted ceiling in relief and is a very dignified entrance to the new quarters of the State Library.

The interior of the Library has been planned on the alcove system, by locating the fire-proof steel book cases in alcoves lighted by the windows, and enclosed with ornamental iron gates. At the north and south ends are wrought iron stairways rising from the first to the second floor in an open well nineteen feet wide and one hundred and seven feet long, giving a clear height from floor to ceiling of thirty-four feet. In the second story the system of alcoves is carried out in the same manner as in the first story.

Between the first and second story a light gallery has been built,



INTERIOR VIEW OF LIBRARY FROM GALLERY.

doubling the alcove capacity; also, a similar gallery has been built above second floor.

The interior of the Library, while perfectly plain in plan and construction, by its simple dignity of proportion and grouping of parts, has proven a very successful conception.

Under the room containing the battle flags, a stack room has been provided which can accommodate 60,000 volumes.

The basement of the Library is well lighted and ventilated and is used as the receiving, classifying and labeling departments of the Library, and is approached by a driveway paved with vitrified bricks. The side walls of the driveway are lined by enameled bricks. An elevator extends from the basement to the loft. The south end of the basement is used as a stack room for newspaper files. Its capacity can be doubled at any time necessary. The stack cases are of steel and well lighted.

The loft over the Library will, at some time in the future, become an additional stack room, and has been built with that end in view, when the State Library will have nearly half a million volumes housed in a thoroughly modern and fire-proof structure.